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1. SCIATT AND EMBOFFS ESCUDERO AND LESSARD CALLED ON DR. VAFAI DEC. 23 TO PROVIDE INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL A AND SUPPLY APPROPRIATE SUBSTANTIATING MATERIAL FROM REFTEL B. WE POINTED OUT REGULATIONS OF HEW/SSA TRUST FUND REQUIRE TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR ANY OVERSEAS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. WE ALSO STATED THERE WAS PRECEDENT FOR CHARGING TOTAL COST FOR TYPE OF SURVEY CONTEMPLATED AND WE FEEL GOI WOULD WANT TO PAY FULL COSTS IN KEEPING WITH ITS DESIRE TO ENTER INTO RELATIONSHIP AS FULL EQUAL.

2. DR. VAFAI ASKED WHETHER HEW/SSA MIGHT BE WILLING TO RECONSIDER ITS DEMAND FOR FULL REIMBURSEMENT OF SALARY AND PERSONNEL BENEFIT COSTS, OVER AND ABOVE TRAVEL AND HOTEL COSTS, IF LENGTH OF VISIT WAS REDUCED TO TWO WEEKS. HE NOW FEELS TWO WEEKS SUFFICIENT FOR TEAM TO GATHER INFORMATION IT NEEDS. ALSO, HE CLAIMS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, BUDGET FOR CURRENT IRANIAN YEAR HAS NOT SET ASIDE ENOUGH MONEY TO COVER COSTS ESTIMATED IN REFTEL A. COMMENT: AN INDEPENDENT, KNOWLEDGEABLE IRANIAN SOURCE SAYS DR. VAFAI WOULD HAVE TO OBTAIN AN EXCEPTION FROM CURRENT IRANIAN REGULATIONS TO COVER SALARY AND PERSONNEL

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BENEFITS, SOMETHING WHICH DR. VAFAI IS EVIDENTLY RELUCTANT TO

EMBARK UPON.

3. EMBOFFS PROMISED TO CONVEY COUNTER-PROPOSAL OF DR. VAFAI TO WASHINGTON BUT STATED FRANKLY WE WERE NOT HOPEFUL FOR ANY RELAXATION OF OUR REGULATIONS IN THIS REGARD. COMMENT. WE DO NOT FEEL DR. VAFAI HAS VERY GOOD CASE IN VIEW OF ANTICIPATED DOLS15 BILLION IRANIAN TRADE SURPLUS THIS YEAR (HIS OWN FIGURE).

4. ACTION REQUESTED: HEW/SSA REQUESTED TO REVIEW DR. VAFAI'S COUNTER-PROPOSAL IN PARA TWO ABOVE. IN ANY CASE, DR. FISHER AND MR. KESSLER SHOULD NOT RPT NOT DEPART WASHINGTON FOR TEHRAN BEFORE AGREEMENT REACHED ON COSTS TO BE REIMBURSED BY GOI.

5. DR. VAFAI IS COLLECTING MATERIALS REQUESTED PARA 4, REFTEL A AND EMBASSY WILL AIR POCH TO WASHINGTON UPON RECEIPT.  
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